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Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application	BAM001/134920
	First Named Inventor	David A. Baucom
	Examiner Name	R. Watson
	Group Art Unit	3723
	Express Mail Label No.	EV143327127US

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This is a request for a ☐ continuation or ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 /544,775
filed on April 7, 2000, entitled Lift and Movement System for Shelving

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice, "Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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 - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (i))	5	-20* =	0	x \$ _____ =	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))	1	-3** =	0	x \$ _____ =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ =	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	370
				Total of above Calculations =	370
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).					
* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.					
TOTAL =					370

6. ☒ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50 - 0897:

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 370 is enclosed.9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.11. ☒ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired BAM001D/134920

(Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.)

12. a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)b. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)13. ☐ Other: _____**NOTE:**

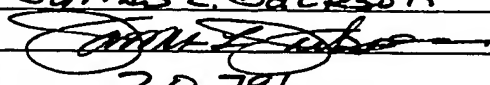
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation application of: David A. BAUCOM

Serial No. Not yet assigned

Filed: October 1, 2002

For: Pneumatic Lift and Movement System
for Shelving

Group No.: 3723

Examiner: Watson, R.

Attorney's Docket No.: BAM001C/134920

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Dear Sir:

This continuation application claiming priority from USSN 09/09/544.775 was filed on October 1, 2002 and Applicant's preliminary amendment was filed on October 1, 2002. A copy of the continuation application as filed is submitted herewith together with a copy of the Express Mail Receipt and stamped returned postcard. Please advise when applicant can expect to receive the filing receipt and initial office action.

I am the: ☐ Applicant
☐ Assignee of record of the entire interest. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____
☒ Attorney or agent of Record.

Respectfully submitted,


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In re Continuation
Application of:

Baucom

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Date Filed:

October 1, 2002

For: Pneumatic Lift and Movement System for
Shelving

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Priority

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Claim:

Examiner:

Watson, R.

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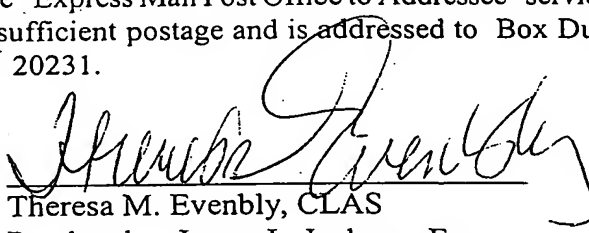
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Serial No.:	Not Yet Assigned	Group No.:	3723
Date Filed:	October 1, 2002	Priority	09/544.775
		Claim:	
For: Lift and Movement System for Shelving		Examiner:	Watson, R.


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